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SIR: This is a request for filing a

☒ Continuation Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending prior U.S. Application No. 09/680,435 filed October 6, 2000 of Richard SCHROEDER et al. for METHODS AND DEVICES FOR IMPROVING MITRAL VALVE FUNCTION.

1. ☒ Enclosed is a complete copy of the prior application, including the drawings, and executed original Declaration, as originally filed. The attached papers are a true copy of prior Application No. 09/680,435 as originally filed on October 6, 2000, which is incorporated herein by reference.
2. ☐ Enclosed is a Request for Non-Publication of Application and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(i).
3. ☐ Cancel claims \_\_\_\_, without prejudice or disclaimer.
4. ☒ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
5. ☒ The filing fee, including the extra claims fee, is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended at 4 and 5 above.

Basic Application Filing Fee					\$770.00	\$ 770.00
	Number of Claims		Basic	Extra Claims		
Total Claims	52	-	20	32	x \$18	576.00
Independent Claims	4	-	3	1	x \$86	86.00
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6. ☒ A check in the amount of \$716.00 to cover the filing fee and the extra claims fee is enclosed.
7. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, or credit any overpayment during the pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.
8. ☒ New acceptable drawings are enclosed.
9. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to: Myocor, Inc.
10. ☐ Priority of Application No. [Text], filed on [Text] in [Country] is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. A certified copy  
☐ is enclosed or ☐ is on file in the prior application.
11. ☒ Small entity status is appropriate and applies to this application.
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13. ☒ The power appears in the original declaration of the prior application.
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15. ☒ An Initial Information Data Sheet is enclosed herewith.

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION. If any extension of time is necessary for the filing of this application, including any extension in parent Application No. 09/680,435, filed October 6, 2000, for the purpose of maintaining copendency between the parent application and this application, and such extension has not otherwise been requested, such an extension is hereby requested, and the Commissioner is authorized to charge necessary fees for such an extension to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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